

Hillsboro City Council
November 10th 2008
6:30 pm
Public Hearing on Pre-Annexation Agreement
With Coal Company

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Mayor Baran explained the hearing was to give the Council and citizens an opportunity to ask questions concerning the annexation of Coal Company property into the City of Hillsboro.

A document had been prepared spelling out the terms of the agreement and was presented to the Council and audience members requesting a copy.

Mayor Baran stated the agreement would give the City a portion of the sales tax for any coal produced and then sold within the State of Illinois. The annexation would entail more than 800 acres of which the City would also get a larger portion of the property tax after abatements from the Enterprise Zone are completed.

Mayor Baran informed everyone that plans are underway to include much of this property into the Enterprise Zone. Zoning changes are being considered and the coal company will, at their expense, connect to the City's water and sewerage system.

Mayor Baran next opened the floor to discussion of the pre-annexation agreement.

A member of the audience was recognized who wished to address the Council with concerns about the zoning of the property.

Mayor Baran informed the questioner that the purpose of this hearing was to discuss the annexation of the property and not zoning. Zoning of the property will be addressed by the Council during the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. as an agenda item.

Tony Harris of Hillsboro Energy LLC produced a large scale map for the audience and Council to view and ask questions concerning the property to be annexed.

Mr. Collins asked a question concerning whose responsibilities will it be to cleanup the property if the coal company were to leave.

Tony Harris of Hillsboro Energy stated that through the permitting process the coal company will have to put up a bond with the State of Illinois to insure that clean up is complete.

Mayor Baran again asked for any comments from the audience.

Mayor Baran next asked everyone to sign an attendance sheet (see attached) documenting those in attendance.

With no further questions Mayor Baran asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk

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The Acquisition of Coal Company Property

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Tom Flansburg	Hillsboro Energy
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John Collins	Hillsboro
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Tom DeLoe	Sasorente
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John Poole	Hillsboro
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